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Mr. Carlos Rivero-deAguilar
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Directorate of Environmental
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RE: Status of Current and Former Interim Status Units

Dear Mr. Rivero-deAguilar:

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division (the Division) has reviewed historical documents concerning our previous requests for closure plans for interim status units or SWMUs at Fort Carson. Based on that review, the Division has made determinations on whether to proceed with cleanup of each unit under the corrective action program or the interim status closure process. Following is our determination for each of these SWMUs.

SWMU 13 – Cleanup of the Grit Oil Pit will be conducted under the corrective action program. Submittal of a closure plan as previously requested by the Division is no longer required. However, all applicable requirements of the Colorado Hazardous Waste Regulations (6 CCR 1007-3) Part 265, Subpart G (Closure and Post-Closure), that are not otherwise included in the corrective action process, must be addressed to complete corrective action.

SWMU 26 - Cleanup of the Equalization Basin will be conducted under the corrective action program. Submittal of a closure plan as previously requested by the Division is no longer required. However, all applicable requirements of the Colorado Hazardous Waste Regulations (6 CCR 1007-3) Part 265, Subpart G (Closure and Post-Closure), that are not otherwise included in the corrective action process, must be addressed to complete corrective action.

SWMU 45 - Cleanup of Range 1 will be conducted under the corrective action program. Submittal of a closure plan as previously requested by the Division is no longer required. However, all applicable requirements of the Colorado Hazardous Waste Regulations

(6 CCR 1007-3) Part 265, Subpart G (Closure and Post-Closure), that are not otherwise included in the corrective action process, must be addressed to complete corrective action.

SWMU 46 - Cleanup of Range 1A will be conducted under the corrective action program. Submittal of a closure plan as previously requested by the Division is no longer required. However, all applicable requirements of the Colorado Hazardous Waste Regulations (6 CCR 1007-3) Part 265, Subpart G (Closure and Post-Closure), that are not otherwise included in the corrective action process, must be addressed to complete corrective action.

SWMU 47 – The Range 121 OD area is currently operating as a hazardous waste treatment unit under interim status. This unit will require a closure plan, and cleanup will be conducted under the approved closure plan rather than corrective action. Division personnel will be meeting with Fort Carson next week to discuss the permitting options for the Range 121 OD area. At that time, the Division would like to review records showing the frequency of use of the OD area, and the number of items detonated per use. Submittal of a closure plan will not be required until the permitting determination has been made.

SWMU 48 - Cleanup of Range 123 will be conducted under the corrective action program. Submittal of a closure plan as previously requested by the Division is no longer required. However, all applicable requirements of the Colorado Hazardous Waste Regulations (6 CCR 1007-3) Part 265, Subpart G (Closure and Post-Closure), that are not otherwise included in the corrective action process, must be addressed to complete corrective action.

Range 121B OB Area – This area is not a SWMU and does not have interim status. In October 2000, Fort Carson submitted a draft closure plan to the Division. Since Range 121B does not have interim status, a closure plan is not required. However, the Division does believe that having a closure procedure for Range 121B is a good idea. When the OB area is no longer needed, Fort Carson should properly close Range 121B to prevent this area from becoming a SWMU. Any hazardous waste generated at the OB area must be properly disposed of at an offsite, permitted facility.

If you have any questions concerning these determinations, please contact Deb Anderson at 303.692.3379 (email: deb.anderson@state.co.us).

Sincerely,



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